

**Minutes of November 19, 2022, 1-4 p.m.  
Olympia Presbytery Meeting  
Hybrid**

ROLLS

Those present are listed below:

HR = Honorably Retired PA Parish Associate TEMP= temporary Member of Presbytery

ATTENDANCE

<u>Minister/Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Abreu Rosario, Ófe	Bethany, Tacoma
Asher, John	Shepherd of the Hill
Ballast, Haley	Hagar's Community (TEMP)
Bidwell, Robert	HR
Brown, Dave	HR
Buescher, Barlow	HR
Bursch, Jeff	Shelton
Carr, Ralph	HR
Crawford, Robin	HR/Westminster Chehalis
Fenner, Therin	Westminster Olympia
Goodwin, Nancy	At large
Greene, Martha	HR/PA UPPC
Hogue, Robyn	HR
Jackson Monson, Shari	TEP/Stated Clerk
Johnson, Julie	Fircrest
Kearny, Liz	Longview
Kirkpatrick, Tom	HR
McHugh, Mark	Harrison Square, Centralia
McKnight, Nicole	VM
Morgan, Taeler	Gather Tacoma
Murphy, John	Mission Woods, Milton
Paine, Lesley	At Large
Paine, Tom	Lakewood/FPC Tenino
Shoop, Harlan	HR/PA Trinity
Sikes, Ken	Manitou Park
Spencer, Katie	FPC Puyallup
Spencer, Kelly	VM/Pres staff
Stampfli, Tammy	At Large
Swier, Jennifer	Cornerstone
Watkins, Sue	First PC Puyallup
Woicik, Lisa	At Large

<u>Church</u>	<u>RE Commissioner(s)</u>
Bethany PC	Cynthia Flores Michael Grindle
Chapel By The Sea	Margaret Tegenfeldt
Chehalis, WPC	Joyce Carr
First Pres Puyallup	Phyllis Smith
Harrison Square	John Swenson

Lakewood PC	Dan Evans (alt)
	Christine Piatt
Little Church/Prairie	Glenn Groefsema
Longview PC	Ron Marshall
	Robert Mumfort
Mission Woods Church	Teresa Hansen
	Kari Schinkal
Shelton Presbyterian	Gary Sarver
Toledo	Tom Hill
Trinity Presbyterian	Aya Clark
United Churches of Olympia	Eunice Robb
Westminster Olympia	David Ammons

#### Elders on Leadership Council

John Bosshart, Cornerstone, Trustee  
 ErrolLynne Marsh, First Pres Puyallup, Trustee

#### Elders Chairing Standing Committees

Kathy Marshall, Westminster - Olympia, Ruling Elder  
 Pamela Anderson - Sound View

#### Guests in Attendance

Anita Calhoun, Bethany  
 Linda Gaines, Ruling Elder, Bethany Tacoma  
 Patricia Grossie-Walton, Puyallup First PC  
 Kurtis (Bo) Helmich, Skyline, Candidate  
 Gary Jackson, Kelso Methodist Presbyterian  
 Rene Myers, Presbyterian Mission Agency  
 Kurt Sample, Staff - OlyPres  
 Barbara Stark, Ruling Elder, Harrison Square  
 Ed Tegenfeldt, PC USA, Chapel By The Sea  
 Robin Tuntland, Harrison Square PC  
 Kristin Laramie, Treasurer (acting Moderator)

24 Congregations represented

#### **WELCOME**

**Welcome, Opening Prayer** at 1:15 p.m.

Former Moderator Kristen Laramie greeted those online and in person and called the meeting to order with prayer.

Kristen reviewed hybrid meeting protocols for online voting.

Shari introduced in person voting with blue cards.

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

Kristen recognized first time commissioners: Mike Grindle from Bethany and Chris Piatt from Lakewood

#### **PRIVILEGE OF VOICE**

Bo Helmick and Rene Meyers

**MOTION:** To approve granting privilege of voice to Bo and Rene. *MSC*

**APPROVAL OF  
THE DOCKET**

**MOTION:** To approve the docket. *MSC*

**GREETINGS &  
LAND  
ACKNOWLEDGED**

René Myers, the mission engagement advisor for the West region for Presbyterian Mission Support, brought greetings from the national church. Thanks to and recognition of those who give to the four national offerings. René offered a prayer.

**STATED CLERK'S  
REPORT**

Shari Jackson Monson. Quorum achieved.

**MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda. [Consent Agenda](#)

Clarification: The presbytery minimum salary is for compensation and housing.

*Motion carried.*

Stated Clerk commended the Nominating Committee for the diversity of people and roles from across the presbytery serving OlyPres.

**SKYLINE AC**

Kristen Laramie called on Martha Greene, Moderator of Skyline AC, introduced the AC

Report on the work of the AC.

Extending the date for inquiries to Jan 31.

**MOTION** from AC: to dissolve the Skyline congregation.

TE Robyn Hogue abstained. *Motion carried.*

**MOTION** from AC: to move Skyline memberships to Olympia Presbytery for one year. Renewable annually. *Motion carried.*

**COMMISSION ON  
MINISTRY**

Ken Sikes, co-moderator of COM, offered prayer for co-moderator Ruth Moore, who had Covid.

Welcome to **Revs Craig and Nancy Goodwin** as members of Olympia Presbytery. Nancy was online from Pasadena CA, from Inland NW Presbytery. She brought a short greeting.

Welcome **Rev Larry Veith** to Olympia Presbytery, serving at Packwood Community PC. Larry was welcomed in absentia. His service of installation date TBD.

Welcome **Rev. Ofe Rosario** from Bethany, who brought greetings from the floor.

Congratulations to **Longview Presbyterian Church** on its 50th anniversary.

Congratulations to **Trinity Presbyterian Church** on the centennial of their building. The congregation precedes the building.

**MOTION from COM:** to authorize COM to form Administrative Commissions for the purpose of aiding congregations who are experiencing conflict or showing signs of moving towards closure.  
*Motion carried.*

**MOTION from COM:** to designate Gather Tacoma, a new worshipping community, as a ministry of Olympia Presbytery. Funding to be determined by donations and 1001 New Worshipping Communities grant funds.  
*Motion carried. Welcome, Gather Tacoma.*

**Ordination Examination** Bo Helmich read his statement of faith. Questions for the candidate.

**MOTION:** To end the discussion and call for the question.  
*Motion carried.*

**MOTION from COM:** to approve the ordination of Bo Helmich to serve as Pastor for Realignment at Skyline Presbyterian Church. 12 Yes/ 26 No/ 2 abstentions. *The motion was lost.*

**HAGAR'S GUIDE TEAM**

Haley Ballast offered a breathing exercise. Their report, with short video from the Presbyterian Foundation, is on YouTube. Their Ministry Information Form is attached.

**COM 2**

Ken Sykes and Bo Helmich returned. Ken offered prayers for Bo and God's calling on his life.

**BREAK**

until 4:20

**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

John Asher is the liaison to Personnel.  
**MOTION** from Leadership Council: to approve EP | SC Job Description. Thanks to the Personnel Committee for their work.  
*Motion carried.*

**2023 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Treasurer Kristen Laramie presented the proposed budget for the entire presbytery.  
**MOTION** from Leadership Council: to approve the 2023 Budget report.  
*Motion carried.*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Harlan Shoop offered thanks to the team and staff for their work. There are still positions to be filled, looking for ruling elders. Changes noted: Addition of Isaac Jung; removal of Bo Helmich from the Investigative Pool.

**MOTION** from NC: To nominate for Moderator, ErrollLynne Marsh and for Vice Moderator, Robin Crawford. *Motion carried.*

**MOTION** from NC: Places the following slate in nomination, seeking approval:

**BOARD** RE John Bosshart (Cornerstone, 2nd term, 2025);

**COM** RE Gerald Katt (Lacey, Partial term, 2024); REV Linda Flatley (Chapel by the Sea, 2nd term, 2025); RE Hal Blanton (Packwood 1st term, 2025); REV David Alger (Retired, 1st term, 2025)

**COPM** REV Jen Swier (Cornerstone, 2nd term, 2025); RE Isaac Jung (United Churches, 1st term 2025)

**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL** Moderator and Vice Moderator; REV. Kathryn Castle (MAL, Partial term, 2024); RE David Ammons (Westminster, Oly 1st term 2025); RE John Bosshart (Cornerstone, 2nd term, 2025)

**INVESTIGATIVE POOL** REV Brad Epperson (Little Church on the Prairie, 1st term, 2025); RE Gerald Katt (Lacey, 2nd term, 2025); RE Becky Grossman (Lacey, 1st term, 2025)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** REV John Murphy (1st term, 2025); RE Nancy Nelson (Westminster, Oly, 1st term, 2025)

**PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMITTEE** REV Tammy Stampfli (VM 1st term, 2028)

**PERSONNEL** Mod RE Kathy Marshall (Westminster, Oly, 2nd term, 2025); Mike Bates (Univ Place, 1st term 2025); REV Chuck Guth (Aberdeen, 1st term, 2025)

*Motion carried.*

**MOTION** from NC: To approve the slate of the following for the Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee : PERSONNEL: RE Kathy Marshall (Westminster, Oly); LEADERSHIP COUNCIL: REV John Asher (Shepherd of the Hill); COM: REV Mark McHugh (Harrison Square); REV Aaron Stewart (Univ Place); RE Guy Warren (Westminster); REV Garret Starmer (Retired)

*Motion carried.*

**MOTION:** to adjourn after time of prayer and worship: *MSC*

**BREAK**

About 5 minutes for tech

**WORSHIP**

The following led worship: Kelly Spencer, Kurt Sample, Dexter Kearny's sermon was shared after the meeting, via video recording, Shari Jackson Monson; Mark McHugh and Ralph Carr officiated at communion.

**NECROLOGY**

See attached Necrology Report

**RECOGNITIONS**


EP recognized and offered a blessing for people who will lead the presbytery in 2023. There was a recognition of Treasurer, Kristen Laramie, and her work and Moderator, Dexter Kearny (online) by the EP. She also thanked all those who agreed to serve.

**BENEDICTION**

Mark McHugh at 5:17 PM

**ATTACHMENTS**


Consent Agenda


 Consent Agenda and Pre Reading Documents 11.19.22

 Bo Helmich Statement of Faith

Hagar's Community Church MIF  Hagars MIF.pdf

Skyline AC report by Martha Greene

 Skyline AC report to Presbytery 11.19.22.docx

Necrology Report  Necrology Report 2021-2022

[2023 Budget](#) Proposed budget/2023 Budget report

Nominating Slate:  02.09.2023 Nominating Committee Report

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Blair Paine, 26 Feb 2023